

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim(s) as follows:

Claims 1-27 (Cancelled)

Claim 28 (Withdrawn) A process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface comprising the steps of:

providing a transfer assembly comprising:

a plastic film layer;

a rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive layer;

said rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive layer having a primary liner on one side and a secondary liner on an opposite side;

removing said primary liner exposing a first surface;

applying said rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive layer with said first surface in contact with an image to be transferred;

removing said secondary liner exposing a second surface;

placing said plastic film layer in contact with said second surface;

washing away said paper containing said image to be transferred to create a decal by exposing an image forming layer;

positioning said decal so that said image forming layer is in contact with said surface;

covering said decal with a releasable sheet;

applying heat to said releasable sheet wherein adhesive from said rubber-based hot melt adhesive layer migrates through said image forming layer and penetrates into said surface; and

removing said releasable sheet.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn) A process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface comprising the steps of:

providing a plastic film laminate with a releasable support sheet and a

rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive layer;
said rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive having a primary
liner on one side and a secondary liner on an opposite side;
removing said primary liner exposing a first surface;
applying said first surface in contact with an image to be transferred;
removing said secondary liner exposing a second surface;
placing said plastic film laminate in contact with said second surface;
washing away said paper containing said image to be transferred to
create a decal by exposing an image forming layer;
positioning said decal so that said image forming layer is in contact with
said surface;
applying heat to said plastic laminate with releasable support sheet
wherein adhesive from said rubber-based hot melt adhesive layer
migrates through said image forming layer and penetrates into
said surface; and
removing said releasable support sheet.

Claim 30. (Withdrawn) A process for transferring an image appearing on a
paper to a surface comprising the steps of:

providing a composite sheet laminate having a plastic film layer; a
rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive layer adjacent to said plastic
film layer and an outer side releasable layer protecting adhesive;
removing said outer side releasable layer exposing a first surface;
applying said compost sheet laminate with said first surface in contact
with an image to be transferred;
washing away said paper containing said image to be transferred to
create a decal by exposing an image forming layer;
positioning said decal so that said image forming layer is in contact with
said surface;
covering said decal with a releasable sheet;

applying heat to said releasable sheet wherein adhesive from said rubber-based hot melt adhesive layer migrates through said image forming layer and penetrates into said surface; and

removing said releasable sheet.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn) The process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface according to claim 30 wherein said paper is a double coated paper.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn) The process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface according to claim 30 wherein said paper is a triple coated paper.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn) The process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface according to claim 30 further comprising the step of positioning said decal where a paper coating layer contacts said surface.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn) The process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface according to claim 30 wherein said paper is a one-sided coated paper wherein said image appears on a non-coated side.

Claim 35 (Withdrawn) The process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface according to claim 30 wherein said paper is an electrostatic copy paper having a zinc oxide coating.

Claim 36 (New): A process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface comprising the steps of:

providing a composite sheet having a releasable support sheet layer, a plastic film layer adjacent to the releasable support sheet, a rubber-based hot melt adhesive layer adjacent to the plastic film layer;

applying said composite sheet to an image with said rubber-based hot melt adhesive layer in contact with said image to produce an image layer;

obtaining a decal by washing away the paper containing the image to be transferred and exposing the outer side layer of the image layer;

positioning the decal so that the outer side layer of the image layer contacts the surface;

applying heat to the releasable support sheet layer wherein the adhesive migrates through the image layer transferring the image into the surface; and removing the releasable support sheet layer.